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**Subject:** Fwd: Science essay

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**From:** "Konkus, John" <[konkus.john@epa.gov](mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov)>  
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Hi John,

I'm writing a story for Thursday on an essay in the journal, Science, that is critical of the CASAC review of the EPA Draft ISA on particulate matter. In particular, it calls out the CASAC chair, Tony Cox, for bucking decades of scientific precedence and literature, and suggesting that the EPA's draft and the research it cites is "untrustworthy" "subjective" and "unverified."

Does the EPA have a comment either on 3/9 letter to Administrator Cox, which makes these charges; or on the pushback he's getting from mainstream scientists? And what will the EPA do if Cox pushes forward with his recommendations - which it's not clear he has the rest of CASAC's support? Will they accept the recommendation of one scientists over more than a hundred, others? Or will they ignore it, eroding the importance of CASAC's role?

Thanks.

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